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REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of February 19, 2009 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 11 - 20 have been re-examined and finally rejected as follows: claims 11 and 14 - 20 have been again rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by Hadden et al; and claims 12 and 13 have been again rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Hadden et al in view of Weston.

In consideration of the noted final rejections and the examiner's commentary on page 8 of the Office Action, applicant believes that a further amendment to the claims should place them in condition for allowance. In the amended claims applicant has emphasized that the digital data memory is located *in* the gas sensor module, not in the transmitter module, cf. in particular claim 21 and 22. Claim 22 points out that the transmitter module and the sensor module are located on opposite sides of the contactless interface, so that the digital data memory is not part of the transmitter module.

Furthermore, the limitation in claims 11, 20 and 21 "said digital data memory contains one or more of the following data: ... the limitations "the gas or gas mixture to be registered" and "a sensor check systems check systems status". Have been deleted. If the examiner is correctly understood, he has not found the remaining limitations in the prior art references.

It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 11 and 20 as well as new claim 21 are not anticipated by Hadden et al, nor rendered obvious by Hadden et al and Weston.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of the above noted amendments to the claims is respectfully requested and claims 11 - 21 found allowable.

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